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**Amendment - B**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2002, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please **AMEND** claim 23 as follows:

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23. (Twice Amended) A pant-like, refastenable, disposable absorbent article which defines a front waist region, a back waist region, a crotch region which extends between and connects said waist regions, a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction, said absorbent article comprising:

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a) an absorbent chassis which defines an exterior surface, an interior surface opposite said exterior surface, a pair of laterally opposed side edges and a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges; and

b) a pair of opposed back panels which are permanently attached to said side edges of said absorbent chassis in said back waist region of said absorbent article;

c) a pair of opposed front panels which are permanently attached to said side edges of said absorbent chassis in said front waist region of said absorbent article wherein said front panel and said back panel are releasably connected together along a side seam to provide a